Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon—(1) Two by the Diwan and one by the Police Commissioner.

(2) The matter was enquired into by the District Magistrate. As regards the result of the enquiry the Member is referred to the answer to sub-division (3) of Question No. 490.

(3) The papers cannot be placed at this stage.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—I am referred to sub-division 3 of question 490. This is very funny. The questions stop at 489. 490 is not yet published. There is not much information that we receive by putting the number of the question.

Particulars for which notice was requested—Official benches.

488. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to inform the House the respective particulars for which notice was requested by the Official benches in the last session?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—The Hon'ble Member is referred to the official reports of the last session for the information.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Where are the reports?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—They are being printed.

Additional Munsiff's Court.

489. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the various Munsiffs' Courts had been addressed asking them whether any of them wanted the additional Munsiff's Court in their places before locating the same at Trichur from 1st Dhanu 1107;

(b) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative what is the report submitted by each of the Munsiff's Courts;

(c) will the reports of the respective authorities to the Government regarding the working of the additional Munsiff's Court at Trichur from 1st Dhanu 1107 be made available to the House in print;

(d) whether the non-official section of the Standing Finance Committee at its Vrischigam Meeting did not suggest the temporary abolition of the additional Munsiff's Court as a measure of retrenchment?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—(a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There are no such reports.

(d) Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan made such a suggestion.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—(c) I would like to know whether the various Munsiffs were consulted in any manner?

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Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—Government consulted the Chief Court and it was on their recommendation.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan —Can I know whether the Chief Court, before deciding to shift the Additional Court to Trichur, did consult these various Munsiffs ?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—We presume they have consulted.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know why the Addittional Court was shifted on to Trichur ?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—It was done on the recommendation of the Chief Court.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuhassan.—On what the recommendations of the Chief Court were based?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—Notice.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—What is the recommendation of the Chief Court regarding the transfer ? Were there any reasons stated by the Chief Court to transfer the Court ?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—They had given some statistics to show that an Additional Munsiff was wanted at Trichur and that the Court here may be stopped.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Can I know the number of pending contested suits in the Ernakulam Munsiff's Court, Principal and Additional on the first of Dhanu ?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—Notice.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—I had given the notice in the shape of a question sufficiently early.

Deputy President.—What was your question?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—I had sent a question to know the number of pending contested suits here as well as in Trichur on the date mentioned here.

Deputy President.—Has that question been answered?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—No.

Deputy President.—Then you have to wait.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—(d) Am I to understand that that was not the opinion of the other members of the Standing Finance Committee? I am led to think that Messrs. Ramachandra Ayyar and George were not of that opinion. I maintain that they were and hence the question. The Government view is that the other two members of the Standing Finance Committee do not agree on this suggestion.

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—We did not say that. The suggestion came from Mr. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Can I know what was the suggesion made by the non-official section-whether the other two members agreed in that view?

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Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—I do not remember.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Are not the minutes of the Standing Finance Committee published ?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—It is published. I shall get it just now.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Was it as a result of very great conjustion of work in the Trichur Munsiff's Court that the Temporary Munsiff's Court was transferred ?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—I said it was on the recommendation of the Chief Court which must have been satisfied as to the necessity of an Additional Court.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Does the Government know that the Courts in Trichur, both Additional and Principal, have no work after 2 p. m. now ?

Mr T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—No.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will they be pleased to inquire into that ?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—Yes.

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